## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 1-17 and 19-23 are being amended and claim 18 is being canceled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application is presented with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-17 and 19-23 are pending in this application.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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